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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 October 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on 09 June 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 3 and 4.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 2, 17, 18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Colgan, US Pat. No. 5,510,978, in view of Brown, US Pat. No. 6,173,284.

3. As to claims 1, 17 and 20, Colgan teaches the invention substantially as claimed. Colgan teaches a system and method for situation tracking comprising:

a computer readable storage medium (Colgan, col. 5, line 43 – col. 6, line 47);

receiving an alert at a clearing house from a mobile device associated with a law enforcement vehicle (Colgan, col. 5, line 43 – col. 6, line 47).

However, Colgan does not explicitly teach handling a public safety event based on the alert; generating a notification in response to a subscriber profile and the event; and determining a destination for the notification based on the subscriber profile. In the same field of endeavor, Brown teaches a system for handling a public safety event by generating a notification to selective subscribers based on subscriber profile (Brown, col. 1, line 21 – col. 4, line 18 and col. 7, line 7 – col. 8, line 18 and col. 11, lines 10-55).

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It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have incorporated the public safety event notification as taught by Brown into the community policing program of Colgan for the purpose of increasing efficiency by automating data input and notification.

4. As to claims 2 and 18, Colgan-Brown teach a type associated with the alert at the clearing house and wherein the event comprises a type indication, a location indication, a time indication, a date indication, an access level and event details (Brown, col. 7, line s 7-63).

5. Claims 3-5 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Colgan-Brown as applied above, and further in view of Langsenkamp et al., US Pat. No. 5,912,947.

6. As to claims 3 and 19, Colgan-Brown teach the invention substantially as claimed. However, Colgan-Brown does not explicitly teach a notify criteria, the notify criteria comprising a geographic distance around a first location indication, wherein the event comprises a second location indication and wherein generating a notification comprises determining whether the second location indication is within the geographic distance of the first location indication.

In the same field of endeavor, Langsenkamp teaches a notify criteria designating a geographic location for which notifications are generated (Langsenkamp, col. 12, line 1 – col. 13, line 36).

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It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have incorporated the geographic location based notification, as taught by Langsenkamp, into the notification system of Colgan-Brown for the purpose of efficiently directing information.

7. As to claim 4, Colgan-Brown-Langsenkamp teach associating at least one information need with the subscriber profile, the information need comprising at least one event related item of interest to the subscriber (Langsenkamp, col. 7, lines 7-26);

comparing the information need to at least one of the events (Langsenkamp, col. 7, lines 7-26); and

determining at least one notification to be generated in response to a result associated with the comparison (Langsenkamp, col. 7, lines 7-26).

8. As to claim 5, Colgan-Brown-Langsenkamp teach the result comprising a selected event selected based on the comparison (Langsenkamp, col. 7, lines 7-26).

9. Claims 6-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Colgan-Brown-Langsenkamp as applied above, and further in view of Hunt et al., US Pat. No. 5,893,091.

10. As to claim 6, Colgan-Brown-Langsenkamp teach the invention substantially as claimed. However, Colgan-Brown-Langsenkamp do not explicitly teach generating the at least one

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notification comprises generating at least a portion of one web page based on the selected event and wherein the destination comprises a web site.

In the analogous field of networked notification systems, Hunt teaches implementing websites to post notification to users (Hunt, col. 9, line 11 – col. 10, line 14).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have incorporated the use of web pages to notify subscribers into the system of Colgan-Brown-Langsenkamp for the purpose of increasing notification delivery efficiency and enhancing delivery options.

11. As to claim 7, Colgan-Brown-Langsenkamp-Hunt teach generating the at least one notification comprises generating at least one electronic mail message based on the selected event and wherein the destination comprises an electronic mail address (Brown, col. 7, lines 7-63 and col. 11, lines 10-29).

12. As to claim 8, Colgan-Brown-Langsenkamp-Hunt teach comparing the information need comprising determining whether the subscriber is allowed to access the event (Brown, col. 7, lines 7-30).

13. As to claim 9, Colgan-Brown-Langsenkamp-Hunt teach handling the event comprises updating the event when the alert is updating an existing event and generating the event when the alert is associated with a new event (Colgan, col. 10, line 36 – col. 11, line 46).

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14. As to claims 10 and 11, Colgan-Brown-Langsenkamp-Hunt teach the subscriber profile comprises a generic profile comprising a media profile (Brown, col. 7, line 7 – col. 8, line 49).

15. As to claims 12 and 13, Colgan-Brown-Langsenkamp-Hunt teach generating the notification comprises:

comparing at least one criteria element associated with a notify criteria associated with the subscriber profile and at least one event element of the emergency event (Brown, col. 7, line 7 – col. 8, line 49);

determining a match between the notify criteria and the emergency event based on the comparison (Brown, col. 7, line 7 – col. 8, line 49); and

determining whether a media subscriber associated with the media generic profile has access to the matched events (Brown, col. 7, line 7 – col. 8, line 49).

16. As to claims 14 and 15, Colgan-Brown-Langsenkamp-Hunt teach the criteria element and the event element comprise a type and geographic location associated with the event (Brown, col. 7, line 7 – col. 8, line 49).


17. As to claim 16, Colgan-Brown-Langsenkamp-Hunt teach a subscriber associated with the subscriber profile has access to the matched events based on a type associated with the profile (Brown, col. 7, line 7 – col. 8, line 49).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul H Kang whose telephone number is (703) 308-6123. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 hour flex. First Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart can be reached on (703) 305-4815. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 305-9731 for regular communications and (703) 305-3900 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.


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